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Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—" At least have not the Government of India a corresponding right in this matter to that enjoyed by a State?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I am afraid I cannot give any reply offhand."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" May I know if, in a matter which affects the weal of this Presidency, the Government of India alone should come to the help of this Presidency and if the Government of Madras would not take steps to have the treaty amended or address the Government of India, if necessary?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" As a matter of fact, from the answer given it will be seen that the Residency in Hyderabad is being addressed on this subject with a view to see whether the duties levied cannot be reduced."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" My question was with regard to the amendment of the treaty, not with regard to the percentage of duty levied. Cannot the Government of India be addressed, so that there might be equal rights to both the State and this Presidency?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" Though, as I said, it does not form part of the Local Government's duty, yet the hon. Member's suggestion will be considered."

Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar:—" Why should not the Government of Madras address the Government of India in this matter so that it may take action?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" That is what I said, Sir; the hon. Member's suggestion will be considered."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I ask whether the Minister would fight for the principle of reciprocity so far as duties are concerned and would move the Government of India in this matter?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I do not want any fighting in this matter; but I hope it may be possible to come to an understanding whereby we won't be the losers."

Mr. Yakub Hasan:—" Have the States not the right to levy duty, and is it not also a fact that Provincial Governments do not levy duty on goods received from Indian States or other Provinces?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I have no information on that point."

Co-operative Societies

Land Mortgage Banks in Salem district.

* 323 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are proposals to start more land mortgage banks in Salem district;

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(b) if so, in which places and when each is likely to be started; and

(c) what the present number is of such banks in the Salem district and in which places they are working?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Applications for organizing primary land mortgage banks at Tiruchengode and Dharmapuri have been received. The application for starting a bank at Dharmapuri is under investigation. Soon after this investigation is over, the other application will be taken up.

(c) There is one at Velur.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know why the other application is kept pending, with regard to the starting of a Land Mortgage Bank at Tiruchengodu?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Probably they want to dispose of the first application before taking up the second."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know, Sir, how long the investigation will take?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I cannot say it offhand."

Public Works

Ten per cent cut in the salaries of the Works establishment of the Public Works Department.

* 324 Q.—Mr. G. Simhachalam: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the 10 per cent cut in the pay of Government servants in 1932–33 was made applicable to the members of the works establishment in Public Works Department;

(b) what the reasons were that made the Government retrench the pay of nine coolies or menials, drawing Rs. 12 per mensem;

(c) whether the cut is enforced in all the circles or only in the Bezwada circle; and

(d) whether the cut has been restored since 1st April 1933 and whether in certain divisions the cut was in force beyond April 1933?

A.—(a) Yes. To those whose pay exceeded Rs. 40 per mensem.

(b) Without information as to what coolies or menials are referred to by the hon. Member, Government are unable to answer this question.

(c) & (d) The cut was enforced in all the circles and it must have been restored from 1st April 1933.